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# PERSONNEL SECURITY CLEARANCE

## SECURITY CLEARANCE OF PERSONNEL FOR ATTENDANCE AT CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (CONUS) SERVICE SCHOOLS

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**1. Purpose.** This regulation provides general instructions and requirements governing the clearance of U.S. Army officer and enlisted personnel, in accordance with AR 604-5 and other regulations as applicable, prior to attending continental United States (CONUS) service schools having prior security clearance as a prerequisite for attendance.

**2. Selection criteria.** Selection of personnel for CONUS service schools will be accomplished under the provisions of AR 310-10, AR 350-2, AR 611-215, DA Pam 20-21, and AR 611-203.

**3. Explanation of terms.** For the purpose of this regulation the following definitions will apply:

*a. Commander.* All persons listed in AR 604-5 who have been delegated security clearance authority by the Secretary of the Army.

*b. Parent commander.* The commander of the command, or his designee, from which the individual is ordered to school.

*c. Gaining commander.* The commander of the command, or his designee, to which an individual is transferred, as of the EDCSA, from another command. (Not applicable when a permanent change of station is accomplished within the same command.)

*d. CONUS service schools.* Those service schools and joint colleges administered by the Armed Forces of the United States within the continental United States and in which Army officer and enlisted personnel are trained to help in accomplishment of the Army mission.

**4. Clearance responsibility.** The parent commander is responsible for granting or verification

of the appropriate final clearance except as indicated in *a* and *b* below. If the investigative requirements for a final clearance are not completed prior to departure from the jurisdiction of the parent commander, the individual will be granted an interim security clearance by the parent commander.

*a. Results of personnel security investigations,* completed subsequent to date of EDCSA, of personnel to whom an interim clearance was issued for the purpose of attending a CONUS service school as a permanent change of station, will be forwarded by the parent commander to the school commandant who will then grant or deny final clearance.

*b. Results of personnel security investigations,* completed subsequent to EDCSA, of personnel to whom an interim clearance was issued for the purpose of attending a CONUS service school on a temporary basis enroute to a new permanent station in a different command, will be forwarded by the parent commander to the gaining commander who will then grant or deny final clearance and notify the school commandant of the final action taken.

**5. Action on denial of final clearance.** *a.* When the commander having clearance responsibility determines, upon completion of investigation, that a final security clearance should be denied for an individual who is currently attending a service school on the basis of an interim clearance, he will so notify the commandant of the service school by the most expeditious means.

*b.* If final security clearance is denied a student attending a CONUS service school on the basis of

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an interim security clearance, the student will be dropped from his course immediately, and all classified security information and/or material which he has been issued for use in the course will be removed from his possession. The student will be officially warned against unauthorized disclosure of any classified information already received and of the penalties therefor; also that it is prohibited for him to retain classified material. Disposition and/or reassignment of personnel who fail to meet applicable security standards will be in accordance with appropriate Department of the Army directives in effect.

6. Orders. a. Orders published for an individual selected to attend a CONUS service school, for which a security clearance is required, will contain a statement in accordance with paragraph 52, AR 310-10 as to the degree of access and type of clearance, i.e., interim or final, which the individual has been granted.

b. When the basis of access is a Limited Access Authorization under AR 604-5, orders will so state, showing any duty limitation and expiration date of the authorization.

c. Statements of the above types in orders will be accepted without the requirement of a review of the investigative file by the school commandant.

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